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SUBJECT: ITALY, THE NPT AND THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

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1. ALTHOUGH NPT HAS BEEN SENT TO CHAMBER TO BEGIN RETIFI-
CATION PROCESS, WE ARE TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT COVERING
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2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER SAID CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER, AND LIKELY APPROVE, PACKAGE ON APRIL 9. CHAMBER PLENARY WOULD HOPEFULLY APPROVE WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 14, AND SENATE COMPLETE COMMITTEE AND PLENARY PROCESS PRIOR MAY 5 REVIEW CONFERENCE. IN LIGHT OF OTHER COMPETING PARLIAMENTARY PRIORITIES, HOWEVER, TIMELY COMPLETION REMAINS MUCH IN QUESTION. IF DELAYED, GOI WOULD PLAN TO BEGIN REVIEW CONFERENCE IN OBSERVER STATUS, AND "MOVE UP TO THE TABLE" AFTER RATIFICATION. OUR SOURCE, HOWEVER, VOLUNTEERED NOTHING CONCERNING PROBLEM THIS POSES FOR OTHE EC PARTNERS WHO HAVE RATIFIED AND ARE WAITING FOR ITALY IN ORDER TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS CONCURRENTLY.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, WITH CHARGE AND POL COUNSELOR, FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY BATTAGLIA INDICATED PRESENT GOI PARLIAMENTARY STRATEGY CALLS FOR BRINGING SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT (WHICH LACKS ONLY FULL CHAMBER ASSENT) TO CHAMBER PLENARY FOR APPROVAL CONCURRENTLY WITH NPT. COMMENT: IF BATTAGLIA IS CORRECT, GOI WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE DROPPED ITS LONG-HELD DETERMINATION TO HANDLE THE TWO ACCORDS SERIATIM, SAFEGUARDS FIRST AND NPT SECOND. BEAUDRY

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